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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re	: Chapter 11 Case No.
LEHMAN BROTHERS HOLDINGS INC.,	: 08-13555 (JMP)
Debtor.	: :
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In re	x : : Chapter 11 Case No.
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LB 745 LLC,	: 08(JMP) :
Debtor.	: :
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DEBTORS' MOTION PURSUANT TO RULE 1015(b) OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE REQUESTING JOINT ADMINISTRATION OF CHAPTER 11 CASES

TO THE HONORABLE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and its debtor affiliate LB 745 LLC, as debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>" and, together with their nondebtor affiliates, "Lehman"), respectfully represent:

Background

1. On September 15, 2008 and September 16, 2008, respectively (as applicable, the "Commencement Date"), Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and LB 745 LLC commenced with this Court voluntary cases under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). The Debtors are authorized to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Lehman's Business

- 2. Lehman is the fourth largest investment bank in the United States. For more than 150 years, Lehman has been a leader in the global financial markets by serving the financial needs of corporations, governmental units, institutional clients, and individuals worldwide. Through its team of more than 25,000 employees, Lehman offers a full array of financial services in equity and fixed income sales, trading and research, investment banking, asset management, private investment management and private equity. Its worldwide headquarters in New York and regional headquarters in London and Tokyo are complemented by a network of offices in North America, Europe, the Middle East, Latin America and the Asia Pacific region.
- 3. Additional information regarding the Debtors' businesses, capital structure, and the circumstances leading to these chapter 11 filings is contained in the Affidavit of Ian T. Lowitt Pursuant to Rule 1007-2 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of New York (the "Local Rules") in Support of First-Day Motions and Applications on the Commencement Date (the "First Day Affidavit").

Jurisdiction

4. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction to consider and determine this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue is proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

Relief Requested

5. By this Motion, the Debtors' seek entry of an order directing joint administration of these cases for procedural purposes only pursuant to Rule 1015(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules").

Basis for Relief Requested

- 6. Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b) provides, in relevant part, that if "two or more petitions are pending in the same court by or against . . . a debtor and an affiliate, the court may order a joint administration of the estates." Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1015(b). The Debtors are "affiliates" as that term is defined under section 101(2) of the Bankruptcy Code. Accordingly, this Court is authorized to grant the requested relief.
- 7. On the Commencement Date, the Debtors commenced their chapter 11 cases referenced above by filing the appropriate petitions with this Court. Given the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code and the Bankruptcy Rules, as well as the Debtors' affiliation, joint administration of these cases is warranted. Joint administration will avoid the preparation, replication, service, and filing, as applicable, of duplicative notices, applications, and orders in each of the Debtors' cases, thereby saving the Debtors' estates considerable expense and resources. The relief requested will not adversely affect creditors' rights as this Motion requests that the Debtors' estates only be administratively consolidated not substantively consolidated. Moreover, each creditor may still file its claim against a particular estate. In fact, the reduced

costs that will result from the joint administration of these cases will enhance the rights of all creditors. The relief requested will also relieve the Court of the burden of entering duplicative orders and maintaining duplicative files and dockets, and, similarly, simplify supervision of the administrative aspects of these chapter 11 cases by the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York (the "<u>U.S. Trustee</u>").

8. Accordingly, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court modify the caption of their cases to reflect the joint administration of these chapter 11 cases, as follows:

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

Debtors.

:

(Jointly Administered)

9. The Debtors also seek the Court's direction that a notation substantially similar to the following notation be entered on the docket of each of the Debtors' cases to reflect the joint administration of these cases:

An Order has been entered in this case directing the procedural consolidation and joint administration of the chapter 11 cases of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and LB 745 LLC. The docket in **Case No. 08-13555 (JMP)** should be consulted for all matters affecting this case.

10. Finally, the Debtors seek authority to file the monthly operating reports required by the U.S. Trustee Operating Guidelines on a consolidated basis. Consolidated monthly operating reports will further administer the economy and efficiency of these cases without prejudice to any party in interest.

Notice

11. No trustee, examiner, or statutory creditors' committee has been appointed in these chapter 11 cases. The Debtors have served notice of this Motion on (i) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York, (ii) those creditors holding the thirty (30) largest unsecured claims against the Debtors' estates, (iii) the Securities and Exchange Commission, (iv) the Internal Revenue Service, (v) the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York; and (vi) those parties who have filed a notice of appearance and requested service of pleadings. The Debtors submit that no other or further notice need be provided.

12. No previous request for the relief sought herein has been made by the Debtors to this or any other Court.

WHEREFORE the Debtors respectfully request that the Court grant the relief requested herein and such other and further relief as it deems just and proper.

Dated: September 16, 2008 New York, New York

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ORDER PURSUANT TO RULE 1015(b) OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE DIRECTING JOINT ADMINISTRATION OF CHAPTER 11 CASES

Upon the motion, dated September 16, 2008 (the "Motion"), of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and its debtor affiliate LB 745 LLC (collectively, the "Debtors"), as debtors and debtors in possession, pursuant to Rule 1015(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules") requesting the joint administration of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases for procedural purposes only, as more fully described in the Motion; and the Court having jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Standing Order M-61 Referring to Bankruptcy Judges for the Southern District of New York Any and All Proceedings Under Title 11, dated July 10, 1984 (Ward, Acting C.J.); and consideration of the Motion and the relief requested therein being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and due and proper notice of the Motion having been provided to

(i) the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York, (ii) those creditors holding the thirty (30) largest unsecured claims against the Debtors' estates, (iii) the Securities and Exchange Commission, (iv) the Internal Revenue Service, (v) the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and (vi) those parties who have filed a notice of appearance and requested service of pleadings; and it appearing that no other or further notice need be provided; and a hearing having been held to consider the relief requested in the Motion (the "Hearing"); and upon the Affidavit of Ian T. Lowitt Pursuant to Rule 1007-2 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules of the Southern District for New York in Support of First-Day Motions and Applications, the record of the Hearing, and all of the proceedings had before the Court; and the Court having found and determined that the relief sought in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates and creditors, and all parties in interest and that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is

ORDERED that the Motion is granted; and it is further

ORDERED that the above-captioned chapter 11 cases are consolidated for procedural purposes only and shall be jointly administered by the Court; and it is further

ORDERED that nothing contained in this Order shall be deemed or construed as directing or otherwise effecting the substantive consolidation of any of the above-captioned cases; and it is further

ORDERED that the caption of the jointly administered cases shall read as

follows:

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LEHMAN BROTHERS HOLDINGS INC., et al.,	: 08-13555 (JMP)
Debtors.	: (Jointly Administered)
	: x

; and it is further

ORDERED that a docket entry shall be made in each of Debtors' chapter 11 cases substantially as follows:

An Order has been entered in this case directing the procedural consolidation and joint administration of the chapter 11 cases of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and LB 745 LLC. The docket in **Case No. 08-13555 (JMP)** should be consulted for all matters affecting this case.

; and it is further

ORDERED that the Debtors shall be permitted to file their monthly operating reports required by the United States Trustee Operating Guidelines on a consolidated basis.

Dated: September ___, 2008 New York, New York

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE